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In re the application of:

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For : **ECONOMICAL OXYGEN BARRIER
STRUCTURES UTILIZING EVOH/
POLYOLEFIN BLENDS**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 29, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 19, 20, 24, 26 and 30 as follows:

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19. A laminate for producing a paper package comprising: a paper substrate; and a three layer coextrusion coated onto the substrate, the three layer coextrusion comprising a blend barrier layer made from ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer and a polyolefin, a first adhesive tie layer, and a layer of low density polyethylene; wherein the blend barrier layer comprises 35%-95% ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer, the tie layer being between the blend barrier layer and the layer of low density polyethylene.

20. The laminate as claimed in claim 19, further comprising a second adhesive tie layer coated on the paper substrate between the substrate and the three layer coextrusion.

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24. The laminate for producing a paper package in accordance with claim 20, wherein the first and second adhesive tie layer is a modified polyethylene or modified polypropylene.

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26. A package produced from a laminate comprising: a paper substrate; and a three layer coextrusion coated onto the